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**AMENDMENT UNDER  
37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Confirmation No.	5455
First Named Inventor	Taylor
Application Number	10/684,557
Filing Date	10/14/2003
Group Art Unit	3732
Examiner Name	O'Connor, Cary E.
Title	Surgical Instruments and Procedures for Stabilizing the Beating Heart During Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 16, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 16, 2006. A Petition for a one month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith to extend the response date to July 17, 2006 (July 16, 2006 being a Sunday). In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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